

Initiative Nets Multiple Arrest in the Coverdale Crossroads Area- Bridgeville

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police in a collaborative effort with the Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF), Sussex Drug Unit (SDU), supplemented by Troopers from Troop 5 and Troop 7, Probation and Parole Officers and the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) netted multiple arrests in the Coverdale Crossroads Community area.

The on-going initiative, began on January 28, 2019. This initiative was in response to an increase in gun violence and reported shooting incidents in the Coverdale Crossroads Community area. The area is a well-known open-air drug market and had experienced three reported shooting incidents between January 14 and January 20, 2019. To date, a total of 94 individuals were arrested. There were a total of 60 Felony charges, 165 Misdemeanor charges, 167 Traffic charges, and 44 court capiases cleared.

As a result of this operation a total of seven firearms, 40.75 grams of cocaine, 22.86 grams of heroin, and 217 grams of marijuana were seized. Also recovered during this initiative were the following:

- 1 Suboxone tablet
- 6 Schedule III pills
- 2.67 grams of methamphetamine
- 5 Topiramate (100 mg pills)
- 4 Tramadol Hydrochloride (50 mg pills)
- 9 Oxycodone pills
- 1 Suboxone strip
- 6.5 MDMA pills

Attached are the links to the three reported shooting

incidents between January 14 and January 20, 2019. These incidents continue to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit. If anyone has information in reference to these cases, they are asked to please contact Detective C. Simpson at 302-752-3855. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/20/troopers-investigating-shooting-coverdale-crossroads-bridgeville-2/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/20/troopers-investigating-late-reported-shots-fired-incident-bridgeville/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/15/troopers-investigating-shots-fired-incident-bridgeville-2/>

The success of this operation goes beyond proactive crime enforcement. Reducing the gun violence and drug activity positively affects the daily lives of residents living in the Coverdale Crossroads Community area. The Delaware State Police are working proactively with several community groups to improve their quality of life.

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